

AN ACT

relating to the use of connected braking systems to maintain distance between vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 545.062, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) An operator of a vehicle equipped with a connected braking system that is following another vehicle equipped with that system may be assisted by the system to maintain an assured clear distance or sufficient space as required by this section. In this subsection, "connected braking system" means a system by which the braking of one vehicle is electronically coordinated with the braking system of a following vehicle.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1791 was passed by the House on April 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1791 was passed by the Senate on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor